

MEETING #29 May 29

At a regular Workshop Meeting of the Madison Board of Supervisors on Thursday, May 29, 2008 at 2:00 p.m., in the Madison County Administrative Center Auditorium:

PRESENT: Eddie Dean, Chairman
William L. Crigler, Member
Bob Miller, Member
Clark Powers, Member
Lisa R. Kelley, County Administrator

ABSENT: James L. Arrington, Vice-Chairman

Chairman, Eddie Dean called the meeting to order and noted that a Quorum was present. The Chairman stated that the purpose of the meeting was to come to a consensus on a balanced budget for advertisement, but that one matter required a brief discussion in closed session.

Bill Crigler made a motion to go into a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(3), for the purpose of the discussion or consideration of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, and specifically to discuss the proposed alteration and renovation of the historic circuit courthouse. Clark Powers seconded the motion, and the Board voted to go into closed session, with the following vote recorded:

Eddie Dean	Aye
James L. Arrington	Absent
William L. Crigler	Aye
Bob Miller	Aye
Clark Powers	Aye

Upon conclusion of the Board's discussion in closed session, upon the motion of Clark Powers, seconded by Bob Miller, the Board voted to reconvene in open session, with the following vote recorded:

Eddie Dean	Aye
James L. Arrington	Absent
William L. Crigler	Aye
Bob Miller	Aye
Clark Powers	Aye

Immediately upon reconvening in open session, upon the motion of Bill Crigler, seconded by Clark Powers, the Board voted to certify that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting, with the following vote recorded:

Eddie Dean	Aye
James L. Arrington	Absent
William L. Crigler	Aye
Bob Miller	Aye
Clark Powers	Aye

Next, the Board discussed a proposed balanced budget. Taking into account comments received at the May 5 public hearing, the Board members discussed adding to the proposed School Board appropriation an amount equivalent to one cent of the real estate tax for 2008 (\$195,484). This amount also approximates the amount of state funding cuts anticipated for the school system for the upcoming fiscal year, and adding this to the school appropriation would provide level funding for FY09. Due to uncertainties relating to the price of fuel and electricity anticipated over the upcoming fiscal year, and the need to ensure that unanticipated contingencies can be met in connection with the courthouse renovation project and other aspects of County operations, the County Administrator recommended that a balanced budget be advertised, based, in part, on real estate revenues from a \$0.45 real estate tax rate, and that the Contingency Reserved be increased substantially.

Upon the motion of Bill Crigler, seconded by Bob Miller, the Board voted to advertise a balanced budget based on a \$0.45 real estate tax rate, as recommended by the County Administrator, including an increase of the appropriation for the School Board by \$195,484, with the following vote recorded:

Eddie Dean	Aye
James L. Arrington	Absent
William L. Crigler	Aye
Bob Miller	Aye
Clark Powers	Aye

With no further discussion or action being required by the Board, on motion of Clark Powers, seconded by Bob Miller, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting, with the following vote recorded:

Eddie Dean	Aye
James L. Arrington	Absent
William L. Crigler	Aye
Bob Miller	Aye
Clark Powers	Aye

Date: June 25, 2008